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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Patel, et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/007,003
Filed	:	November 9, 2001
For	:	SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING A DISTRIBUTED FILE SYSTEM UTILIZING METADATA TO TRACK INFORMATION ABOUT DATA STORED THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM
Examiner	:	Te Y. Chen
Group Art Unit	:	2161

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are responsive to the rejections set forth by the Examiner in the Final Office Action mailed September 15, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.